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December 30, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Declassification of Testimony on Cuba

The President has received a request from Congressman Dante Fascell, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs for declassification of information on Soviet naval activities in Cuba which was submitted to the subcommittee by the Department of State and Defense witnesses on September 30 and November 24, 1970 (copy of letter from Congressman Fascell attached).

The President has asked that the Departments of State and Defense review the information presented to the subcommittee with a view to declassifying as much of the information as possible consistent with national security requirements for protection of intelligence methods and sources. The review should be completed and cleared with the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs by January 8, 1971, so that the Departments may communicate their findings directly to Congressman Fascell.



Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence ←

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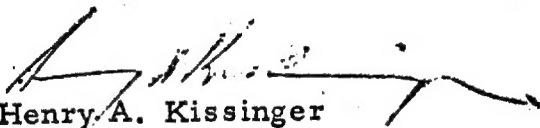
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Dear Congressman Fascell:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of December 23 requesting the immediate declassification of information about Soviet naval activities in Cuba submitted to your subcommittee by the Department of State and Defense witnesses. The President has asked the agencies concerned to review the information provided to the Sub-Committee with a view to declassifying as much of it as possible consistent with requirements of national security. The Department of State and Defense will be in touch with you as soon as the review is completed.

With best regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable
Dante B. Fascell
Chairman
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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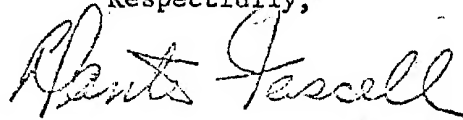
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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Because of the growing public concern and the conflicting nature of reports being circulated about Soviet naval activities in Cuba, I would like to urge you to immediately declassify the information submitted to my Subcommittee on this subject by Department of State and Defense witnesses on September 30 and November 24, 1970.

Respectfully,



Dante B. Fascell
Chairman

Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs